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Note by the Secretariat

The International Organization of Space Communications (INTERSPUTNIK) has submitted the attached annual report* for the information of the members of the Committee on the Peaceful Uses of Outer Space.

*The report is available only in the language in which it was submitted (English).

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INTERSPUTNIK

REPORT

on INTERSPUTNIK's activities *

The INTERSPUTNIK International Organization of Space Communications set up in 1971 according to the intergovernmental Agreement on the Establishment of the INTERSPUTNIK International System and Organization of Space Communications has 22 member countries. Recently, the following nations have joined INTERSPUTNIK: Republic of Kazakhstan (1992), Republic of Georgia (1993), Republic of Belarus (1993), Republic of Turkmenistan (1993), Republic of Kyrgyzstan and Republic of Tajikistan (1994). Notices have been received from the governments of Canada, the Republic of Israel, Republic of Armenia and Republic of Uzbekistan that they are considering their accession to INTERSPUTNIK.

The Organization has become a commercial operator of its satellite system. At present, INTERSPUTNIK's space segment includes 11 geostationary Gorizont satellites located from 14W00 to 142.5E, the Express satellite at 14W00 and the Gals direct broadcast satellite at 71E00. Another Express (80E00) is planned to be put into operation in late 1995 as well as another Gals (orbital position to be specified).

As at the end of 1995 the INTERSPUTNIK system is used, on a regularly basis, by more than 40 earth stations with a figure of merit G/T > 31dBK, more than 100 small-size stations and a large number of receive TV stations.

In parallel with the member countries, INTERSPUTNIK's satellite capacity is used by more than 100 state and private telecommunication/broadcasting organizations throughout the world.

To improve the regulatory basis of the INTERSPUTNIK activity, the INTERSPUTNIK Operating Agreement and the Protocol on Amendments to the Agreement on the Establishment of the INTERSPUTNIK International System and Organization of Space Communications are being finalized. The documents are expected to be signed in 1996.

INTERSPUTNIK actively operates in the international market. It has a status of an observer in the UN Committee on the Peaceful Uses of Outer Space, ESCAP, International Telecommunication Union, UNESCO. INTERSPUTNIK develops different-level relations with Intelsat, Inmarsat, Eutelsat, Arabsat, APSCC, Asia Pacific Telecommunity, International Aeronautic Federation and other international, regional, national governmental and non-governmental organizations.

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